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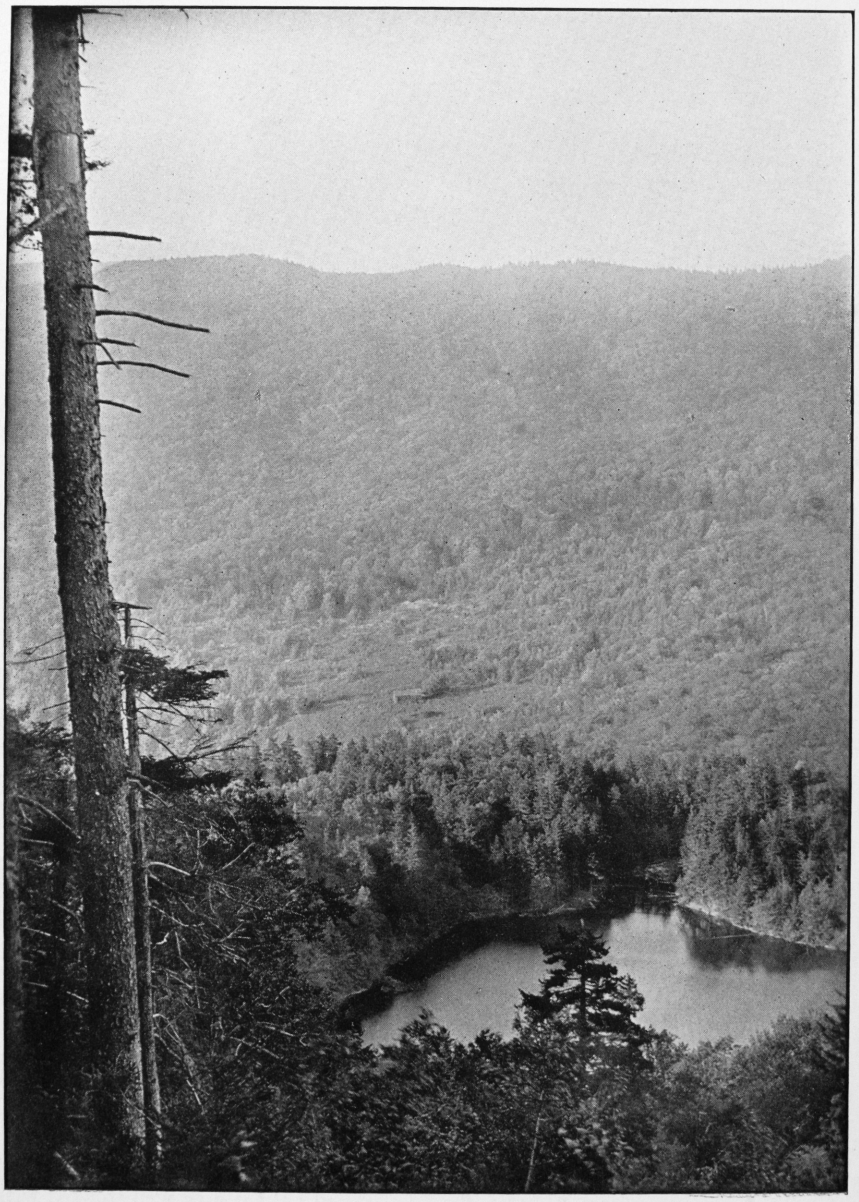
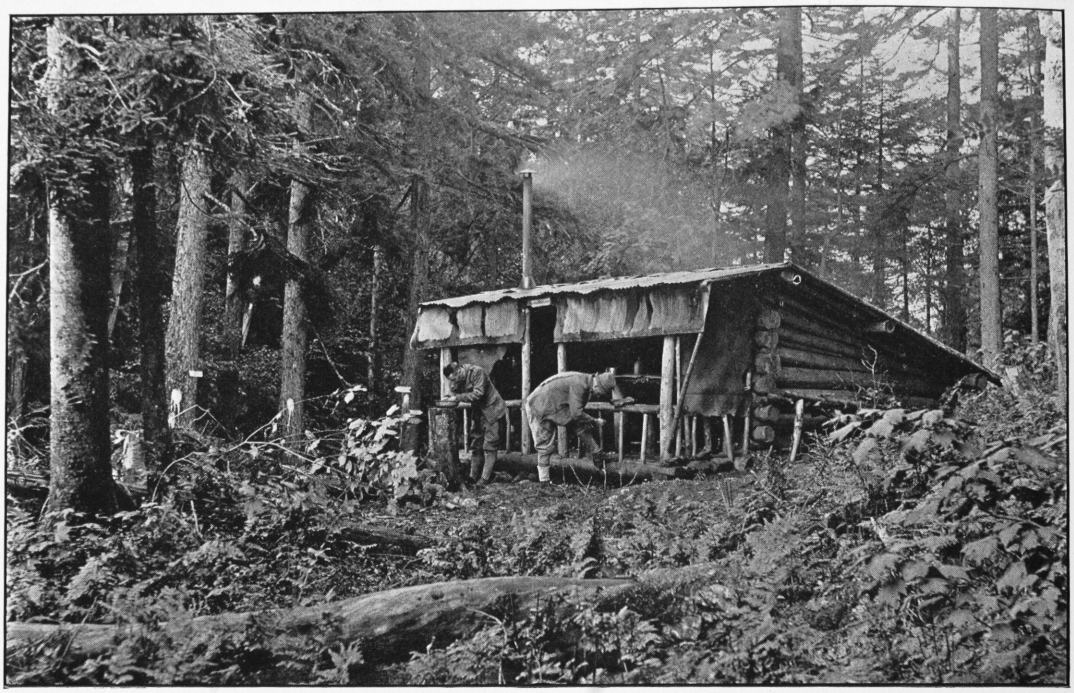


Middlebury's Mountain Campus—Lake Pleiad



From Pleiad to Champlain

By W. STORRS LEE, '28

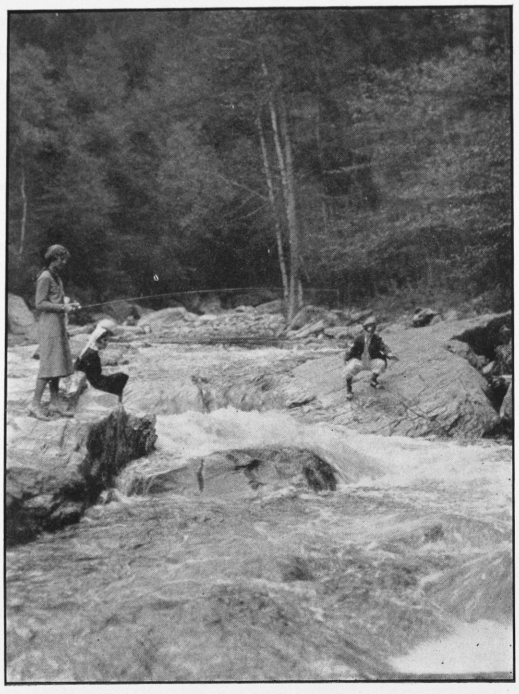
MOST of the European colleges and universities are located on the city street, with private residences, shops, churches and hotels indiscriminately crowding against educational walls. There small parks and gardens, gravelled or grassed quadrangles, offer all the immediate outdoor environment.

Before Americans started construction plans for their colleges, fore-sighted founders sought out a knoll or green outside of town as an environmental nucleus. Middlebury's pioneers were fore-seeing beyond the average; realizing that surroundings played a strong educational role, they selected a region suitable to study in repose of nature.

As the percentage of city students has grown here the natural surroundings have increasingly grown in popularity thru the generations of Middlebury history. Few undergraduates pass to the category of alumni without acquiring a degree of familiarity with at least some of the nearer mountains, lakes, or trails. Bread Loaf Mountain, Lake Pleiad, Snake Mountain, Moosalamoo, Mount Philo, Lake Dunmore, Ripton Gorge, Bitter Sweet Falls, Chipman Hill and the winding miles of Otter Creek all assume an important administrative bearing on College life. Were the older alumni to revisit any of these old haunts, varying changes would be found in a number of them.

The Long Trail, now extending over two hundred fifty miles from Greylock in Massachusetts to Jay Peak, passes within fifteen miles of Middlebury and some of the most beautiful miles of this are easily accessible to students and alumni who have the time and opportunity to use vacation days in this way. The lodge bordering Pleiad Lake, and about a quarter of a mile from the Ripton-Hancock pass, and Boyce Lodge above Bread Loaf are used almost weekly during the spring and fall by parties from the men's and women's colleges.

Pleiad Lake is now well stocked with trout by the College forestry department and numbers of



Tempting the Trout

students during May roll up blankets, pack week-end supplies and file into the mountains to answer the call of a night in the pines.

Few sportsmen travelers find trout streams that can surpass Ripton Gorge for beauty, with its overhanging birches, sheer cliffs, clinging evergreens, turbulent rapids and geologic interest. And this, as well as Brandy Brook, is stocked by the College. As a picnicing ground it is as popular in 1930 as it was in 1867.

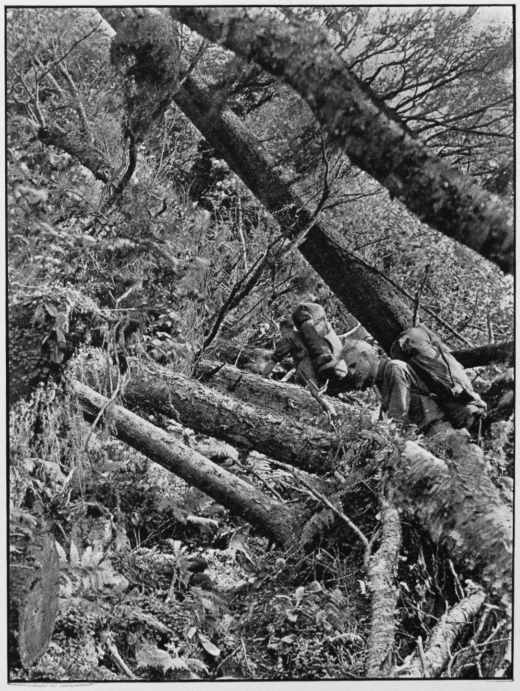
One of the more beautiful walks in the immediate vicinity of Bread Loaf Inn is to the College maple sugar orchard, operated by the Bread Loaf Farms. The grove with its sugar house lies on the slope of a hill overlooking an extensive view of Bread Loaf mountain. Middlebury maple sugar and syrup, some of the finest produced in Vermont, is shipped to all parts of the States in retail lots from here.

The hikes from Middlebury gap above Bread Loaf, to Silent Cliff and Pleiad Lookout are also popular to both regular and summer school students. The newly gravelled road from East Middlebury to the Gap has made these spots readily approachable in part of an afternoon. A good portion of the Long Trail and its branches in the vicinity of Bread Loaf is now cleared by college students under the direction of Professor Voter and Professor White.

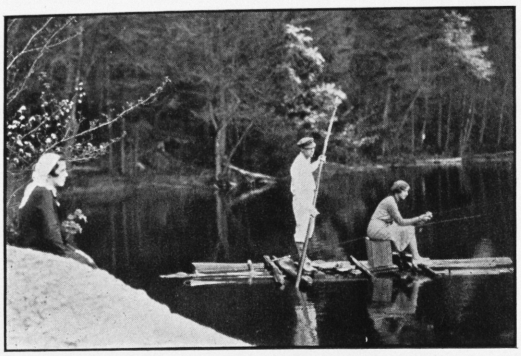
In recent years the surroundings of Lake Dunmore have changed noticeably. A half dozen large summer camps are grouped about the Lake, and summer cottages occupy almost every available lot, but the east side of the birch-bordered lake has lost none of its beauty. An excellent trail winds up Moosalamoo above it to Rattlesnake Cliff, from which can be seen, particularly at sunset, one of the most delicately fine views in this part of the state. In the far west the Adirondacks poke themselves ruggedly into the sky, rising from a silver Champlain; and immediately at the foot of the Cliff sprawls dark Dunmore like a huge bulging amoeba.

A stop of twenty minutes, on the optional route to Rutland by way of the Lake, is most repaying to visit again Ethan Allen's Cave.

For no obvious reason the popularity of Snake Mountain seems to have dwindled in the past

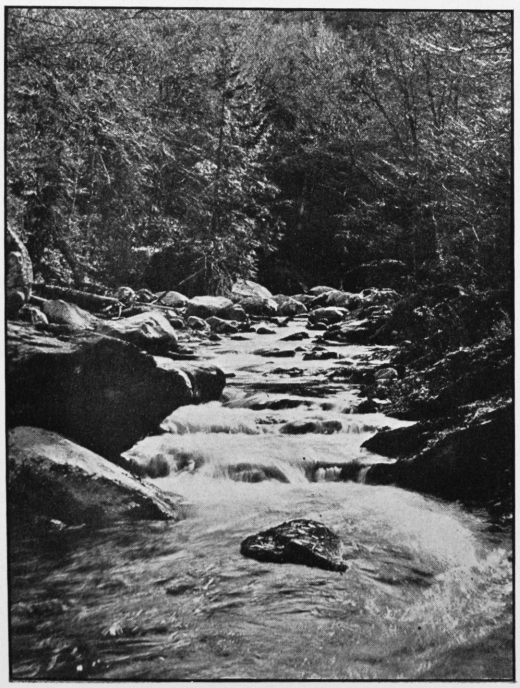


Rough Going on the Trail



Fishing in Lake Pleiad

decade. It is seldom used now for large parties as it was in days past. The tower is still standing, and a view, only comparable to the one from Philo, can be obtained from it. The towns of Vergennes, Middlebury, Weybridge, Cornwall, Addison, Bridport and a number of others are seen, miles of winding Otter Creek, yellow ribbon road, twenty miles of Champlain, the whole Presidential range on the east and much more

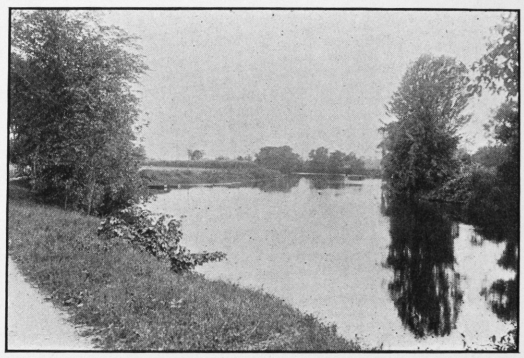


Ripton Gorge

of the Adirondacks on the west. But down at the foot of the mountain you may note the sign "Top of the Mountain for Sale."

As soon as the spring flood water in the Otter falls, the College boathouse is frequently visited. Long day canoe trips have been made possible since the construction of the boathouse, and few more memorable quiet days can be visioned than those along the creek paddling by drooping willows, green pastures, under covered bridges, into the heart of rural Vermont.

Nearer to the College are the short two-or-three-hour walks for Sunday afternoon, over Chipman Hill, where there is now a tourist camp operated by the local chamber of commerce; to Bitter Sweet Falls off the west road; to Chapman's Falls on the mountain road to Bristol; to the stalactite caves on the same road; or to the Pulp Mill covered bridge with the pot holes below and the adjacent College park with the deep caves.



The Otter

For an alumnus who is seeking a good day hike in the vicinity of Middlebury, one of the best that can be recommended is to Emily Proctor Lodge. This is reached by way of Bristol and So. Lincoln with a three or four hour hike beyond the Johnson sawmill to which one can easily drive up a lumber road. The Lodge, located by a mountain falls, is a typical trail type, constructed of logs, and furnished with spruce bunks, stove and cooking utensils.

Middlebury has opportunities far beyond any other New England college for outing club ac-

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Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

By CHARLES BAKER WRIGHT

Professor Emeritus of Rhetoric and English Literature

SOME years ago a young nephew of mine, a high-school boy, came to me in great distress of mind. His English teacher had given him the absurd assignment that he should write a masque and bring it in at the next meeting of the class. He could as easily have written a Shakespearean tragedy, and he came to me for counsel. I told him I would write one as a sample for his guidance, and the masque that follows was the result. I need not say what fun it was to give to the old story a present-day dress, and perhaps if I make of it a NEWS LETTER contribution, it will not be thought too frivolous by my always indulgent readers. It may be, too, that though just a bit of nonsense it is not without its merits. Doctor Burrage declares—and no one questions his nice discrimination in all artistic matters—that he would rather have written the one line in which Cupid pours out his passion:

"O Psyche, Psyche, Psyche, Psyche, Psyche",

than to have been the author of all the Greek dramas extant. The statement seems to me a little strong, but I bow to his superior judgment.

THE MASQUE OF CUPID AND PSYCHE

I

(To Cupid, sharpening his arrows at Vulcan's smithy, enter Venus in tears.)

VENUS O Cupid, drop those arrows for a while,
To draw the barb that rankles in my breast.
Insulted am I before gods and men
By Psyche, whom the world the fairest deems,
Paying to her the homage due to me.
I beg thee, Cupid, if thou lov'st me well,
Make her to dote upon some hideous beast,
And draw her to destruction dread and dire.

CUPID Don't worry, Mother, leave it all to me,
And this same Psyche who distracts you so
Shall be a has-been ere the morrow morn.

VENUS Thanks awfully, my bright and beauteous boy,
Rid me of Psyche's hateful insolence,
And I will plead with our great father Jove
To give to thee his loveliest nymph for wife.

II

(Cupid flies to earth and approaches the palace of Psyche's royal father. When he beholds the maiden he is smitten by her beauty.)

CUPID Let Jove bestow that "loveliest nymph" elsewhere.
The keenest arrows of my quiver-full
Have pierced my heart; henceforth I am her thrall.
O Psyche, Psyche, Psyche, Psyche, Psyche!

(He extends his arms and the maiden falls into them. As he places on her finger an engagement ring, the sky darkens because of Venus's frown. Psyche shudders and sings in a minor key:

O Cupid, you're a dear, a dear,
The dearest dear I ever saw;
I love you, but I fear, I fear,
The vengeance of my mother-in-law.

The scene ends with the growl of thunder descending from the celestial heights.)

III

(A chamber in the royal palace. Psyche is discovered beating her breast and wildly searching in the medicine-cupboard for the bottle of carbolic acid.)

PSYCHE Ah me, the woeful end of all my joy!
Why could I not have done as Cupid bade,
And not have gazed upon his beauteous face?
Why did I carry to his midnight couch
That fateful lamp whose dropping oil awoke him?
My sister said his features had been changed,
And that was why he did not wish them seen.
It was a hateful lie, and now I mourn
My lovely lord gone from me in a fume,
Never, alas, oh never to return!

(She discovers the bottle and with a wild shriek raises it to her lips.)

IV

(On Olympus, Jupiter and Venus in earnest consultation. Cupid raging in the background.)

VENUS Note the distraction of my darling son;
Nor day nor night he ceases from his wail,
Longing to look again upon his love.
Can I forgive her that she sought to win,
By that entrancing beauty which is hers,
The hearts of men from me, their rightful queen?
And yet, if I forgive not, I shall lose
The son who, lacking her, will surely die.
Counsel me, Jove, in my extremity.

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A Permanent Improvement by '90

By BERNIS W. SHERMAN, '90

THE Ides of March in Chicago were enlightened by the words and presence of President Moody and brightened by the Middlebury movies and remarks of Dean Wiley at our Alumni meeting and dinner at the Palmer House.

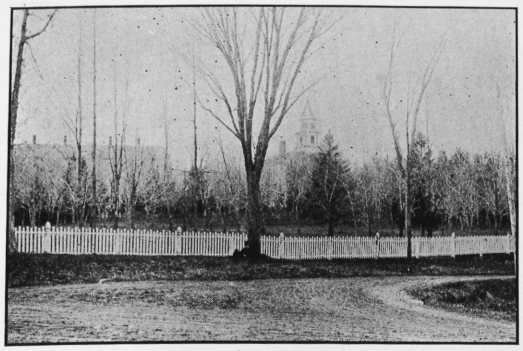
Stimulated by what the latter had obtained from Owen's attic—pictorially—I searched my cellar and found among my memorabilia collegii several photographs taken during our undergraduate days. The first one was " '90 in the shade.", in front of old Painter, in June, 1888; the second was most of the famous baseball team which defeated Union College, May 30, 1890, playing three games in two days with the same pitcher, Jack Hollister, who has described it before in the NEWS LETTER last year; the last one was a photo of the Campus showing the famous old white picket fence which bounded it partly prior to April, 1888.

Continuous concatenation of the concrete characterized '90, as well as contemplation of the classics, and after two years of perambulating the straight and narrow paths of Waldo Avenue et al. we determined to beautify the Campus by landscaping it without cost to the College.

On a very dark night in 1888 the class of '90 quietly but firmly removed every other section of this encircling monstrosity and piled them up between Starr Hall and Chapel. A barrel of shavings moistened by kerosene was placed at the bottom of this high pile and was simultaneously lighted by two occupants of Starr Hall about 3 A. M. Almost immediately the high bright flames of the pine pickets shown brilliantly through the side and front windows of the

Middlebury College Baseball Team, June 1890

Left to Right—Wynne, '93; Clift, '90; Taylor, '93; Sturtevant, '93; Lavery, '90; Hollister, '93; Ross, '93; Sherman, '90, (Mgr.); Bryant, '91; Douglas, '93. (Ross, '90, and Owen, '90, not included in picture).



The Old Picket Fence

Chapel, which to the people of the village appeared to be a mass of flames. Many hastily dressed and came to the Campus. "Clay Dick" summoned the fire department which appeared on the "hill" as soon as could be expected. The only available water was in the cistern which was too close to the fire to be used, so the brave fire laddies compromised by throwing the worst torrent of abuse upon the beautifiers of the Campus that could possibly be uttered. Some of the citizenry seemed to share their feelings while deprecating the precise expressions used.

No vote of thanks or words of commendation were ever given to '90 for its night of strenuosity by either the College or Town and our contribution to the permanent improvement of the Campus was long unappreciated, although it was probably our greatest achievement of our undergraduate nights. However '90 never sought praise in her mighty modesty and we leave our vindication to a more intelligent posterity.

"'90 In the Shade"

WINNERS IN BALLOT ANNOUNCED

THE count of the Alumni Ballot which was recently conducted through the mail has just been taken and those elected are announced as follows:

National President: Henry Lincoln Bailey,'86, Longmeadow, Mass.

President, Middlebury District: Edgar R. Brown, '93, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

President, Springfield District: Chester M. Walch, '07, W. Hartford, Conn.

President, Boston District: Clarence H. Botsford, '24, Boston, Mass.

Trustee, Region 2: Carl A. Mead, '91, New York, N. Y.

Trustees-at-large: E. C. Lawrence, '01, Malone, N. Y.; J. Earle Parker, '01, Boston, Mass.

REUNIONS OF CONTEMPORARIES PROVING POPULAR

June 21 will see several class reunion dinners considerably augmented by the members of classes that were in college with the five year reunion classes.

The Middlebury Inn has two dinners scheduled for Saturday evening, The Bristol Inn has one and other facilities in the neighborhood will probably be taxed to the limit.

FROM PLEIAD TO CHAMPLAIN

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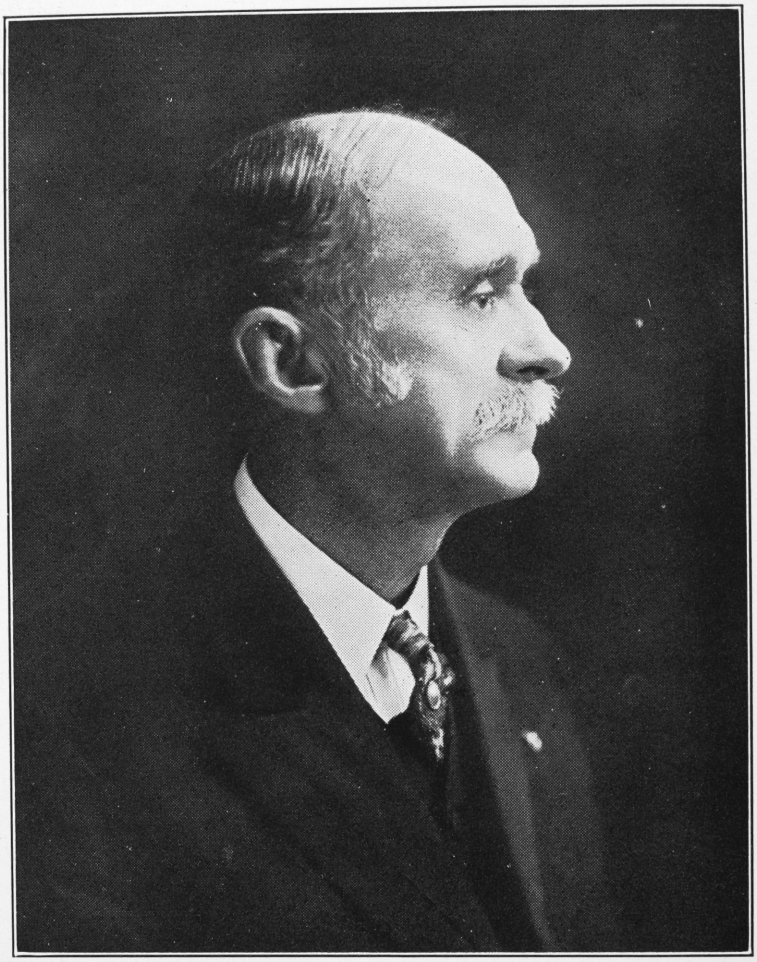
tivity. Williams capitalizes its rather distant Greylock. Dartmouth students go miles to the site of their famous Outing Club activity. The University of Vermont owns a few acres of rock on the top of Mount Mansfield, many miles from Burlington. But Middlebury has a back yard of some 30,000 acres of mountain territory.

Inscribed above the pillars of New Chapel is the often-quoted phrase "The Strength of the Hills.....". The realization of a certain degree of this Strength cannot but be felt by a majority of undergraduates, and if once grounded will last into alumni years. The College campus is always open to home-coming graduates and it may be remembered that the same invitation is waiting for the Mountain Campus.

INTRODUCING OUR TRUSTEES



GOVERNOR John E. Weeks is one of Middlebury's most distinguished and helpful trustees. He has been closely in touch with the affairs of the College from the time of his boyhood when he attended school in the village and lived for a time in Painter Hall. He was elected to the Board in 1909, was Superintendent of the Battell Campus, 1911-12, and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at the College from 1912 to 1918.

Governor Weeks had a long career in the public service before his election to the governorship in 1927, having represented Salisbury in the state legislature as early as 1888, and becoming Senator from Addison County in 1896. His record as Director of State Institutions from 1917-1923, and as Commissioner of Public Welfare from 1923-26, was conspicuously successful. Elected to the Governorship in 1927, just before the great flood, problems were presented, the like of which probably never faced another Governor, but through his skillful leadership Vermont passed through the difficult period of reconstruction and adjustment and Governor Weeks was re-elected for a second term, something which rarely happens in Vermont.

Governor Weeks has shown rare ability in drawing the various factions of the State into harmonious agreement and cooperation, making rapid strides in the direction of better roads and Vermont publicity. He received the degree of LL.D from the College in 1927.

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"CHEERIO" HONORS GAMALIEL PAINTER

ON May 22 "Cheerio" welcomed as one of the birthday guests at his morning broadcast, one of Middlebury's founders and a constant benefactor, Gamaliel Painter. He paid a fine tribute to the College and explained the tradition that centers around Painter's Cane. "Russ" Gilbert of the "Cheerio Exchange" sang the popular Middlebury song: "Gamaliel Painter's Cane", with the cane tapping its way off through the years at the finish. As this broadcast goes on the air over a chain of nearly thirty stations the opportunity was a rare one to have Middlebury and one of her cherished traditions picturesquely presented to a nation-wide audience.

Thank you, "Cheerio"!

WHERE THE TREASURE IS

THE reports that have come from other colleges where Alumni Funds have been established for some time have suggested that quite as important as the financial advantages of such a project was the increase in interest and affection for the college which the act of annual giving had stimulated. While the Middlebury Alumni Fund is just getting under way, the predictions of friends in other colleges are already coming true. Whether the subscriptions are large or small the accompanying notes, which many send, indicate not a grudging spirit but express the joy of giving to Middlebury, and the hope of making a larger gift next year. Sending his contribution and good wishes long before the subscription blanks were sent out to the men of the Associated Alumni, Robert L. ("Shorty") Rice, '26, wins the recognition of being the first alumnus to make a gift to the Middlebury Alumni Fund.

EUGEPAE! "Shorty", or to translate the classical expression so that the B. S. people may understand—Atta Boy!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS LETTER:

It was with deep regret that the students, faculty and friends of Middlebury College heard of the death of Mrs. Sanford H. Lane, of Englewood, New Jersey, on March 27th. Though she was not an alumna of Middlebury, Mrs. Lane's connections with the institution have been always characterized by generous friendship and fine loyalty. By her constant and devoted interest in all that has concerned the welfare of the College, she has enriched her every association with it. In her passing we have suffered a sad loss.

Perhaps the most obvious testimony of her disinterested service is her activity in connection with Porter Memorial Hospital. Her constant visits there when in Middlebury and her discernment were prized by the Directors of the Hospital and her interest expressed itself in practical ways again and again. She was never too busy to respond to an appeal and her judgment and initiative were an asset which will be greatly missed.

It was Mrs. Lane's keen interest in the Men's Glee Club which enabled that organization to embark on its first long tour through New York and New Jersey. By securing engagements for a then unknown organization, she opened up possibilities for the forming of college contacts in sections of the country hitherto difficult of access, a development which is gaining new impetus and acquiring a greater value each year. Even at the time of her death she was engaged in plans for enlarging the scope of next year's tour of the Glee Club and for making the College better known in localities hitherto untouched by Middlebury interests.

Mrs. Lane's direct contacts with the student body were effected largely through her acquaintance with the members of the Delta Kap-

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Athletics

By ARTHUR M. BROWN

Professor of Physical Education and Director of Athletics

ATHLETIC teams at the College have been severely handicapped this spring due to cold and rainy weather. There have been comparatively few days which could be considered ideal for training purposes and these have been scattered in such a way as to make it difficult for teams to attain their best form. Notwithstanding this fact the track and tennis teams have retained their state titles and the baseball team has played some excellent baseball although it must be admitted they have frequently been on the short end of the score.

Baseball

Up to the present time five games have been canceled and two others postponed because of inclement weather. Of the eleven games played Middlebury has won five and lost six. The Conference title has already been won by the University of Vermont inasmuch as they have been defeated in only one state game. Both Vermont-Middlebury games were close and hard fought, the boys from Burlington winning the Junior Week game by a score of 2 to 1 in a contest featured by air tight ball by both teams. At Burlington, May 31st Vermont was fortunate in overcoming Middlebury's 3 to 0 lead in the ninth inning finally winning 4 to 3 after ten innings of play.

Seniors graduating this year include Captain Cook and Spooner, pitchers; Hoffman, a catcher; Jacobs, second baseman; and Humeston and Hasseltine, outfielders. Three Freshmen have been prominent in the line-up during the year, Hartrey, catcher; Yeomans, short stop; and Sorensen, third base.

The outlook for next year's team is fair. Two or three first class ball players in the entering class next fall would make the prospects bright.

Results of Games to Date

		Midd.	Opp.
Apr. 24	Williams at Williamstown	Rain	
Apr. 25	M. A. C. at Amherst	5	7
Apr. 26	Springfield at Springfield	6	7
May 2	St. Michael's at Winooski	Rain	
May 3	Naval Training Station at Middlebury	8	5
May 8	Vermont at Middlebury	1	2
May 10	Norwich at Middlebury	5	10
May 15	Providence at Providence	Rain	
May 16	Tufts at Medford	Rain	
May 17	Northeastern at Boston	11	6
May 20	St. Michael's at Middlebury	Rain	P'stp'd
May 22	Clarkson Tech at Middlebury	4	5
May 24	Springfield at Middlebury	13	5
May 27	Vermont at Burlington	Rain	P'stp'd
May 30	Norwich at Northfield	Rain	
May 31	Vermont at Burlington (10 innings)	3	4
June 5	St. Michael's at Middlebury	7	1
June 9	St. Lawrence at Canton	5	0

Track

The track team finished one of the best seasons in years, winning a dual meet from Hamilton and St. Lawrence and losing a close contest to Williams. In addition, Captain Dalton, Guarnaccia and Thayer scored six points in the Eastern Intercollegiate Meet held at Worcester, May 17th. In the State Meet held at Northfield May 24th, the Black Panther team gained the largest total number of points ever scored in a Green Mountain College Conference Meet, winning eleven first places, seven seconds and six thirds for a total of 83 points. Norwich was second with 27½ and Vermont third with 24½.

The team this year was exceptionally well balanced due in part to the early work made possible by the new board track and in part to the addition of several good Freshmen. Outstanding Freshmen were Boyd Brown in the sprints, broad jump, shot and discus, McLean, Hoyle and Banta in the hurdles and MacKenzie in the pole vault.

During the season four new records were established. At Williams, April 26th, Guarnaccia tossed the 16 lb. shot 41 ft. 9 inches and Brown jumped 22 ft. 2¾ inches. Also in the Colby Meet, May 9th, Guarnaccia set a new mark in the discus with a throw of 127 ft. 3 7-8 inches and Tomlinson threw the javelin 158 ft. 2 inches for new college records.

The Season's Record

		Midd.	Opponent
Apr. 26	Williams at Williamstown	64½	70½
May 3	St. Law. & Hamilton at Canton	85½	Hamilton 45
			St. Lawrence 34½

May 9	Colby at Middlebury	82½	52½
May 17	Eastern Intercollegiates at Worcester	6	scoring 7th place
May 24	Green Mt. College Conference at Northfield	83	Norwich 27½ Vermont 24½

Tennis

The tennis team played a total of ten matches winning four and tieing one. By defeating St. Michael's twice and Vermont once Middlebury net men gained another state title. The second Vermont match was twice postponed and then definitely canceled inasmuch as the Vermont players were in the midst of final examinations.

Only two members of the squad this year are seniors, Captain Woodbury and Bemis. This will leave a nucleus composed of Sloper, Raeder, Huntington, Loomis, Volkmar, and Allen for the coaches to start with in the fall.

Plans now under advisement include the building of several cement tennis courts. If these can be constructed during the summer they will aid very materially in getting the team into shape for matches to be played early in the spring.

The Season's Record

		Midd.	Opp.
May 1	Holy Cross at Worcester	2	5
May 2	Clark at Worcester	1	5
May 3	Boston University—A. M. at Boston	3	3
May 3	Tufts—P. M. at Medford	2	6
May 9	Vermont at Middlebury	5	1
May 10	St. Michael's at Middlebury	5	1
May 15	Williams at Williamstown	0	9
May 20	Colgate at Middlebury	Rain	
May 22	St. Lawrence at Middlebury	5	1
May 24	Worcester Poly Tech at Middlebury	1	5
May 26	Vermont at Burlington	Rain	
June 2	St. Michael's at Winooski	4	2

Intramural Athletics

Baseball Results (Won by A. S. P.)

D. K. E.	10	B. K.	4
A. S. P.	5	Neutrals	3
S. P. E.	3	B. P.	2
D. K. E.	15	Chi Psi	7
D. U.	8	K. D. R.	5
A. S. P.	7	D. U.	4

Track Results

D. K. E.	20½ points
S. P. E.	10
K. D. R.	7½
A. S. P.	6
Neutrals	5
Chi Psi	4
D. U.	1
B. K.	0
B. P.	0

Handball

S. P. E. defeated D. K. E. two out of three matches to win the handball championship of the intramural league.

The All-Campus Individual Handball championship was won by R. B. Cook, '30.

FORMER BASEBALL STARS ON ALUMNI TEAM

COACH Arthur M. Brown, Director of Athletics, has been busy for the past few weeks signing up an alumni team, which is expected to give Coach Hessler's varsity a tough battle, when the alumni play the varsity on Porter Field on Saturday afternoon, June 21st. Nine of the best players of recent years are already signed up with much promising material for the substitute list. The first-string line-up includes the following: "Hal" Whittemore, '28; C. H. Simmons, '28; A. E. Willis, '29; Lawrence Kilbride, '25; Erwin Hasseltine, '27; Stillman Kelley, '29; Paul Anderson, '29; Milan Palmer, '28, and R. L. Rice, Jr., '26.

For several years the alumni game has been given a place of minor importance on the Commencement program, coming after the Commencement dinner on Monday afternoon when many had already left town but this year the alumni game is to be the feature for Saturday afternoon and with the excellent contest that is promised there is sure to be keen interest in the game.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

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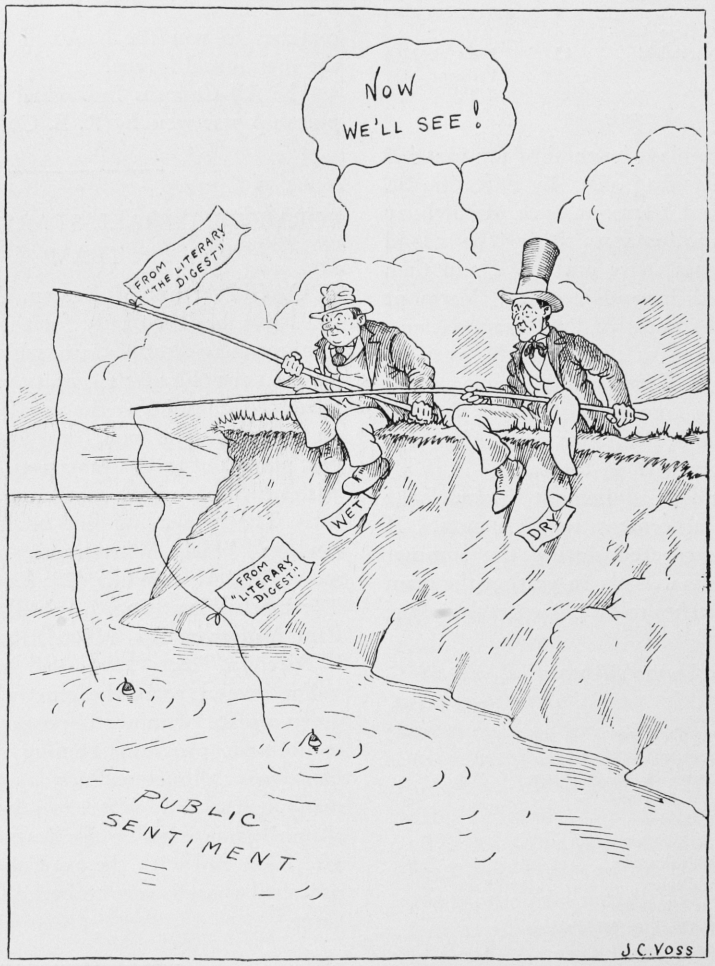
JOVE Enough of sorrow have they both endured,
And haste must be lest they shall suffer more.
The "pysche-logic moment" has arrived—
E'en now she raises to her lovely lips
A bottle with the skull-and-crossbones sign.
Fly, Mercury, to Psyche swift as light,
Dash to the earth the poison ere she drink,
And bring her straight to these celestial courts.
Venus, command your son to weep no more;
Psyche I make immortal and his bride.

(As Jove utters the last word, Mercury returns with the radiant Psyche, and the masque closes with a fox-trot by the Olympian nymphs about the reunited pair.)

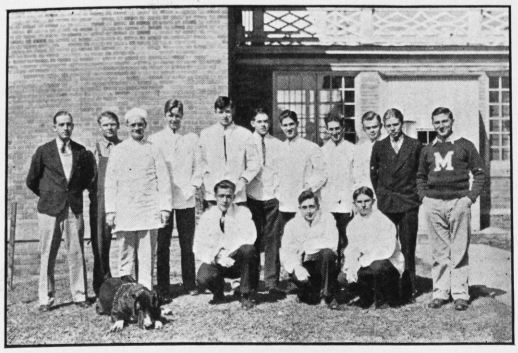
Ben Jonson scripsit.
Anno 1619.



Trying the New Pole

Digest Recognizes Voss Cartoons

JOHN C. E. Voss, '14, is by profession a teacher in the Polytechnic Preparatory School, Brooklyn, N. Y., but has continued, as an avocation, the interest which he had, while a student, in drawing cartoons. He has been drawing for the *Brooklyn Daily Times* for nearly two years, averaging about four cartoons a week and his ability in this field was recognized in the March 22 issue of the *Literary Digest*, in which his drawing "Trying the New Pole" was given a conspicuous place. "Jack" says the work has been very interesting and makes a restful change from textbooks and papers as well as helping to keep him up to date on current events.



MIDDLEBURY DEMOCRACY

THE Hepburn Servitors, as the workers at Hepburn Commons are called, usually include some of the most outstanding leaders in their classes and the premium that is placed upon work and recognition accorded the workers at Hepburn is a noteworthy feature of Middlebury life.

The Servitors have a dinner dance at Hepburn each winter to which only present or former workers with their girl friends are invited. This function is one of the outstanding social events of the year at Middlebury.

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pa Epsilon fraternity. The affection in which the members of that organization hold her memory is ample testimony of their appreciation, not only of her many material benefactions but also of her less tangible though none the less real generosity.

But the recording of these obvious witnesses of Mrs. Lane's never failing interest in Middlebury does not indicate the depth of her gratitude or her loyalty. Its true record lies rather in our affectionate remembrance of those unrecorded deeds of kindness which she was quick to perform, and having performed, as eager to forget.

PAUL D. MOODY.

5-29-30

CALL FOR OLD PICTURES BRINGING INTERESTING RESPONSE

THE request for pictures of other days at Middlebury which was made in a recent number of the NEWS LETTER has evidently been the cause of much rummaging in attics and cellars and the result is very gratifying. The NEWS LETTER will run these pictures from time to time and the editors will appreciate further contributions of this sort.

Elmer G. Bridgham, '97, sent in some interesting pictures of the cane rush in which the classes of '98 and '99 participated. Two of these are shown in this issue. One shows two representatives of the classes struggling in the center of the field just after the starting gun was fired and before reinforcements from the massed members of the classes had arrived.

The other shows the melee at its height. Members of the faculty in derby hats may be recognized in the background.

PROFESSOR Myron R. Sanford invites all Middlebury people, who visit Bridgeport, Conn., to call at 1875 Park Ave., and has furnished the picture of "The Sanford Corner" that all such may more easily identify his location in the city.

THE WATERBURY DINNER

Reported by "A Connecticut Alumnus"

A fortunate group of sixty-one Middleburians gathered in Waterbury on Saturday, May 24th, to dine, to sing, and to pay tribute to their Alma Mater. The Connecticut alumnus can recall *many good* meetings, a *few* splendid meetings, but never such a meeting as this where spontaneity, good fellowship, and wit drew all into true accord.

Miss Margaret Croft presided, introducing each speaker with gentle humor and the greatest ease of manner.

Professor Duane L. Robinson '03 of Taft School, former professor of French at Middlebury, was the first speaker and read in true Yankee dialect the story of an interesting encounter between a skunk and a young Middlebury graduate of the long ago. Professor Robinson is an inimitable mimic and his story was greeted with great glee.

With one accord the company then arose to honor the next speaker, Professor Charles Baker Wright. It is always a rare treat to hear Professor Wright who never fails to give something interesting and unusual in his finished and charming style. Episodes of his own college days and tentative suggestions for his coming class reunion delighted all.

Professor Myron R. Sanford, another honored guest, told of his twenty-nine years of teaching Latin at Middlebury and felt repaid when one graduate present made a fitting response with a Latin quotation.

Mr. Wiley showed moving pictures of the college. A close-up of Professor Bryant got a welcome to draw envy from Hollywood's greatest.

The films becoming temperamental and the necessary delay in forcing them to a straight and narrow path, gave several an opportunity to tell favorite stories and be it said to Middlebury's credit, there was not one "dud" among them.

It was the best reunion in years and the Connecticut alumnus has only one regret—namely, that there were not six hundred instead of sixty to enjoy it.

The following attended the dinner:

Elmer Bridgham, '97; Florence Allen, '98; Mrs. Henry Tong, '00; Henry C. Tong, '01; D. L. Robinson, '03; H. S. Fisher, '05; Chester Walch, '07; Wm. H. Hill, ex-'09; Margery Burditt, '11; Margaret Croft, '12; Genevieve Elmer, '12; Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Monroe, '12; Edward Ryan, '12; Howard C. Farwell, '13, and Mrs.Farwell; Charles Smiddy, '13; Roy Walch, '13; Helen Haugh, '14; Sophie Musgrove, '15; Louise S. VanLeuvan, '16; Marion Elmer, '18; Alice Halpin, '18; Ruth Hesselgrave, '18; Josephine Menotti, '18; Helen Hogan, '21; Marie Kilbride, '21; Emma Schaefer Latimer, '21; Mildred Kienle, '23; Esther Langwill, '23; Evelyn Ryle, '23; Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Shepardson, '23; Philip Whitney, '23; Helen Barksdale, '24; Helen Leeney, '24; Helen Taylor, '24; Marjorie Eames, '25; Dave Daley, ex-'25; Clara Park, '26; Lester Schaefer, '26; Lucile Norton, '27; Ruth Tupper, '27; David Williams, '27; George Eaton, '28; Helen Ellsworth, '28; Gertrude Parsons, '28; Louise Robinson, '28; Mrs. Emily Lobdell Wood, '28; Enid Tillapaugh, '29; Sylvia Westin, '29.

Guests: John Coombs, Nellie Halpin, Miss Sweet, Albert Van Leuvan.

It was voted to hold the dinner in New Haven next year, and Homer R. Denison, ex-'14, of New Haven, was elected Chairman of the Banquet Committee.

THE BUFFALO DINNER

Reported by Linwood B. ("Goph") Law, '21

"It certainly is a pleasure for me to give you a brief report of the most successful Middlebury dinner ever held in Buffalo.

"The success of the dinner was due to two facts. First: The presence of "Prexy" Moody, "Cap" Wiley and the two rolls of films showing the College life at Middlebury. Second: The turn-out to this event was the greatest we have had during my nine years in this city. The dinner was held in the Washington Room of the Touraine Hotel, Delaware Avenue and Johnson Park at 6:30 on the evening of March 13th, and besides Buffalo, the following cities were represented: Niagara Falls, Hamburg, Lancaster, Kenmore, East Aurora, Rochester, Jamestown and Depew.

"Those in attendance included Louise E. Barnard, '25; Samuel B. Botsford, '00, who acted as Toastmaster; James L. Cadwell, '10; Sanford A. Carroll, '23; Harriet F. Grant, '28; Mrs. A. Stuart Hunter, '23; Linwood B. Law, '21; Raymond and Mrs. McFarland, former instructor; Captain and Mrs. Calvert K. Mellen, recipient of an honorary degree; Paul C. Reed, '29; Robert L. Rice, Jr., '26; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ransom Rice, '26; Rowland V. Ricker, '17; Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Sears, '23; Arnold B. Swift, '22; Mr. and Mrs. James F. Taylor, '05; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O. Thayer, '12; Mr. and Mrs. John H. White, '24; Hilda Woodruff, '22; and several prospective freshmen.

"Those in attendance missed the presence of Judge Thomas H. Noonan, '91, who had to be out of the city on business.

"The speakers of the evening included President Moody, E. J. Wiley, National Secretary of the Alumni Council; Professor Raymond McFarland, author and former instructor at Middlebury; and Captain Calvert K. Mellen, who, though not connected with Middlebury until a few years ago, was an instructor at Norwich University. W. Ransom Rice assisted by Mrs. A. Stuart Hunter at the piano led the singing of the college songs, copies of which were supplied by "Cap" Wiley.

"The motion pictures which were shown proved to be a great innovation and were heartily received by all. Those who have not returned to Middlebury recently to renew the scenes of their school days were exceptionally pleased with these films.

"Much credit is due President Moody and Secretary Wiley for their time and effort in honoring us with their presence. 'Goph' Law had charge of the arrangements."

THE CLEVELAND DINNER

Reported by James S. Jackson, '26

"More Middlebury alumni than had ever gathered in Ohio in recent years, met at dinner at the Hotel Allerton, Cleveland, Friday evening, March 14. Thirty-six were present, including relatives and friends of alumni.

"President Moody and Alumni Secretary Wiley were the honored guests. Their reports of current college activities were received with keen interest. The showing of moving pictures of the college was the high spot of the evening.

"Professor-emeritus Charles Baker Wright, convalescing in Akron from a recent eye operation and preparing for another operation, was unable to be present but sent his greetings through Mrs. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. William Hazlett Upson.

"Mr. Upson added greatly to the program by playing several selections on his piano-accordion.

"Philip W. Ferguson, '16, and William Slade, Jr., '17, composed the committee that arranged the meeting. Charles H. Wright, '16, and James S. Jackson, '26, were named to plan for next year's reunion.

"Others present included Miss Agnes F. Murdoch, '07; Miss Blanche A. Verder, '95; Mrs. Franklin B. Speakman, ex-'20; Mrs. Grace J. Brown, '01; Frederick H. Carpentier, '20; Guy N. Christian, '20; Sam P. Davis, '21; Mr. and Mrs. Don Belden, '19; Robert P. Valentine, '21; Charles R. Lee, '17; Miss Marion H. Crathern, '22; Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, ex-'27; Theodore C. Kramer, '29; Theodore R. Stearns, ex-'28; and E. H. Edy, ex-'30."

At Cleveland, President Moody spoke at the University School where Allan L. Grant, '20, is a teacher and where Forrest Spooner, '30, taught during the first semester of this year. Mr. Wiley showed the College Movies at the University School and also at the Hawken School in Cleveland where Guy N. Christian, '20, is a member of the faculty.

THE CHICAGO DINNER

Reported by Robert F. Hunt, '10

"The annual 'get-together' was held at the Palmer House Saturday evening, March 15th. We passed up the turkey as we don't like the brand of Vermont turkey that comes up from Texas at this time of year.

"The committee promised a larger turn-out this year than ever and made good on their promise. If we continue to show the same rate of increase we are going to challenge the other sections as to attendance.

"As usual the dinner was timed for President Moody's annual visit. In true Chicago style he came accompanied by his bodyguard Dean Wiley. At the last minute Dr. Moody tried to cancel his engagement, having learned that Al. Capone was at large and headed Chicagoward. We convinced him that Sherman, '90, (the sheik in President Thomas's article in the recent NEWS LETTER) had sufficient drag at City Hall to insure him a safe trip.

"We got all the facts and figures from "Prexie", he insisting that he speak before we saw the movies. "Cap" Wiley made the pictures so interesting that we could see why Dr. Moody really feared their competition.

"Our education is progressing on the new songs. We missed Harold Severy from Milwaukee at the piano but he phoned at the last minute that he was unable to get his pass-port in time.

"Everybody had a chance to say his little piece and took it. Sherman, '90, surprised Pettengill, '08, by reading excerpts from a book by the latter's father, also a Middlebury graduate, called: 'The College Cavaliers'. This book chronicled the doings of a company of volunteers made up entirely of Middlebury and Dartmouth students who saw service together in the Civil War. Sherman's father, a Middlebury student, was also in the company.

"Incidentally Pettengill announced that he was running for Congress in South Bend, Ind., on a wet Democratic platform. O tempora, O mores! The annual election was held and resulted as usual—nobody wanted the job of President, so they left the officers as they were.

"In addition to our visitors from Middlebury, President Moody brought his brother, Dr. Will Moody. Those in attendance were: B. W. Sherman, '90 and Mrs. Sherman; George M. Groves, '90 and Mrs. Groves; J. W. Hollister, '93; Mary O. Pollard, '96; W. L. Barnum, '07; S. B. Pettengill, '08; R. F. Hunt, '10, Mrs. Hunt, and R. F. Hunt, Jr.; W. E. B. Barnes, '11, and Mrs. Barnes, '10 (Gwen Morris); U. H. Parker, '18 and Mrs. Parker; J. B. Todd, '20 and Mrs. Todd; W. A. Sherman, '24; W. T. Brookins, '25 and Mrs. Brookins; and H. W. Schuettauff, ex-'27.

"We cannot sign off without reminding those of the Chicago area who read this report that they are missing a real evening when they stay away from the Middlebury Dinner. To forestall those who are so prone to report 'a previous engagement' we wish to announce that we have already settled on the second Saturday in March for the 1931 Dinner. You probably haven't a 1931 calendar yet, but mark it on December and carry it over to your new calendar when you get it."

MIDDLEBURY

The God who made the mighty hills
And wrought the forests' glory,
With eager love our bosom thrills
From alma mater's story.
Let weaklings praise the dowered halls
That rise from ease and plenty;
We'll glory in old Painter's walls,
The yeomen's modest bounty.

When wild wolves roamed the woodlands through,
Our fathers dreamed thy greatness;
From fields self-tilled the wealth they drew
Which wrought thy first ornateness.
They asked no titled lord his name
To grace thy natal hour;
In youth of worth they sought thy fame,
In men of might thy power.

O college of the mountains green!
O simple halls of beauty!
To utmost bound of love's demesne
Thy need shall be our duty!
While courage conquers, conquer we,
Nor yield to failure ever,
While granite peaks shall shield the free,
In manhood's high endeavor.

J. M. T.

COMMENCEMENT, 1910.